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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 March 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 03 April 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. This office action is in response to the amendment filed on 13 March 2006.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 6, and 11 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Mehta et al. (US 6,819,750).
5. Regarding Claim 1, Mehta et al disclose an Internet facsimile gateway apparatus that is connected to a general switched telephone network and an IP network and relays facsimile communication between said general switched telephone network and said IP network comprising: first communicating means for performing procedural processing of facsimile transmission in said general switched telephone network (Fig, 1) (circuit switched analog facsimile data received from the sending fax via the PSTN) (col. 3, lines 32-52); second communicating means for performing procedural processing of

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facsimile transmission in said IP network (Fig. 1) (packetized format that may be transmitted via the Internet 14) (col. 3, lines 32-52); and controlling means for controlling a transmission timing of a first signal transmitted from said first communicating means to said general switched telephone network based on a second signal received from said IP network by said second communicating means (connection between the sending fax 10 and receiving fax 12 that is established when the Internet 14 does not introduce significant delay to the various connection establishment messages transmitted between the faxes) (col. 4, lines 7-23), wherein the signal transmission timing from said first communicating means is controlled to transmit the first signal at a predetermined time after the reception of the second signal from said IP network is completed thereby preventing a transmission delay via said IP network from causing a corresponding signaling delay over said general switched telephone network (Internet 14 does not introduce significant delay to the various connection establishment messages transmitted between the faxes) (col. 4, lines 7-23) (complete CM message is not received) (col. 7, lines 4-22).

6. Regarding Claim 2, Mehta et al disclose an Internet facsimile gateway apparatus, wherein said controlling means has a pseudo signal generating means for generating a pseudo signal of a control signal to be used in procedures of facsimile transmission in said general switched telephone network, and, after said second communicating means receives a predetermined signal, transmits said pseudo signal after a predetermined time via said first communicating means (Fig. 4, S404, transmit alias CM to receiving fax) (col. 7, lines 23-34).

7. Regarding Claim 3, Mehta et al disclose an Internet facsimile gateway, wherein after said second communicating means accumulates received signals for a predetermined period of time, said controlling means transmits the accumulated signals via said first communicating means (completed CM message is transmitted to receiving fax) (col. 7, lines 4-22).

8. Regarding Claim 4, Mehta et al disclose an Internet facsimile gateway, wherein said pseudo signal is a signal for establishing synchronism between transmission/reception apparatuses (no significant delay to the various connection establishment messages transmitted between the faxes) (col. 4, lines 7-23).

9. Regarding Claim 5, Mehta et al disclose an Internet facsimile gateway, wherein said predetermined period of time is a length of time determined by procedures for facsimile transmission in said general switched telephone network (facsimile protocols) (col. 3, lines 54-63).

10. Claims 6 and 11 are rejected for the same reason as claim 1.

11. Claim 7 is rejected for the same reason as claim 2.

12. Claim 8 is rejected for the same reason as claim 3.

13. Claim 9 is rejected for the same reason as claim 4.

14. Claim 10 is rejected for the same reason as claim 5.

Conclusion

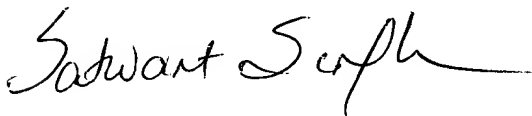
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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kimberly A. Williams can be reached on (571) 272-7471. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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